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5	UNITED STATES BAN	KRUPTĆY COURT		
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7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	In re:  USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY,  USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS, LLC,  USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED FUND, LLC,  USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC,  USA SECURITIES, LLC,  Debtors.  Affects:  □ All Debtors  ☑ USA Commercial Mortgage Company □ USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC □ USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC	Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR Case No. BK-S-06-10726-LBR Case No. BK-S-06-10727-LBR Case No. BK-S-06-10727-LBR Case No. BK-S-06-10728-LBR Case No. BK-S-06-10729-LBR CHAPTER 11  Jointly Administered Under Case No. BK-S-06-10725 LBR  Chapter 10  AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION OF USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY TO CLAIMS ASSERTING SECURED STATUS  Hearing Date: April 26, 2007 Hearing Time: 9:30 a.m.		
18	☐ USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC☐ USA Securities, LLC☐			
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I, Edward Kline, in Pro Per, am filing an objection to the above "AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING REGARDING SEVENTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION OF USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY TO CLAIMS ASSERTING SECURED STATUS).

As a Direct Lender to MARGARITA ANNEX, I dispute this allegation that my loan is not secured by USA BMC. I filed "Broof of Claim" by Certified Mail and it was received by BMC on 10/10/06. Also filed on this case 06-10725 LBR were Proof of Investment in Margarita Annex, List of Interest Due Creditor, copy of Deed of Trust (first page), "Feedback Form", and self addressed stamped envelope.

usacm has been paid for a year to service loans and resolve problems related to loans in default. It was reported in an open meeting that five loans were resolved, that they were making progress with other debtors, and and that sufficient progress had been made to continue to negotiate with the debtors. In addition, secrecy of negotions were requested by USACM, and over \$200,000 to appraise these properties.

Now comes USACM BMC Liquidating Trust objecting to my claim of the USACM having responsibility for the security of this loan.

I hope Bankruptcy Court does not allow USACM BMC
Liquidating Trust to violate their agreements, including
their "Loan Agreement" (Page 22, Line 8.8) in which USACM
promises to "Administer loans and make all necessary
demands on Borrower". They have not discharged their duties
of notifying the Trustee of the Borrower's failure to pay
within 30 days, or request the Trustee (First American
Title Insurance) to foreclose on the property.

The Court has precluded me from doing the above. leaving it up to USACM to act in the Lender's behif. I believe they have not done so, even given the tools to do so by the Court.

Relieving USACM from its fudiciary responsibility would weaken the link between the Lender and the Borrower who is in default, making it more diff cult for the Lender to receive payment, and tilt the advantage to the Borrower as there is now no legal entity to demand foreclosure by the Trustee.

In addition, Attorneys for this Liquidation Trust have all papers previously filed by me, and received by BMC on 10/10/06.

See attached letter from USACM to me dated 7/7/05 regarding extension of loan to Mr. King (Margarita Annex) indicating USA has my Power of Attorney regarding this loan and therefore is responsible to me to secure this loan.

It should be noted that all investors in this loan are "small investors", while the Committee to represent investors 20 are all "large investors" (except for USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund. (See Loan Agreement)

It appears that USA does have assets in the amount of \$3.5 million in this loan, contrary to the claim in this action Therefore there is a conflict ot interest, curiosly, and their petition should be denied on the Margarita Annex loan. (See Page 4, lines 11 and 12.)

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OBJECTION IS <u>APRIL 19, 2007.</u> <u>PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE CLERK OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT TO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF YOUR CLAIM.</u>
QUESTIONS REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF A CLAIM OR THE FILING OF A CLAIM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO BMC GROUP AT 888-909-0100, OR <u>WWW.BMCGROUP.COM/USACMC</u>, or to the undersigned counsel.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the USACM Liquidating Trust, by and through its counsel, has filed a Seventeenth Omnibus Objection to Claims Asserting Secured Status (the "Objection"). The USACM Liquidating Trust has requested that this Court enter an order, pursuant to section 502 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), disallowing the secured creditor status of approximately 1,600 alleged secured claims asserting claims that aggregate over \$296 million.

Specifically, the USACM Liquidating Trust does not object to these claims being Direct Lender claims. Rather, the Trust objects to the secured status asserted in the proofs of claim listed on the **Exhibit A** to the Objection, which is served with this Notice. The objection asserts that the listed claims are not secured by property of the USACM estate, although the loans that are the basis of the claims may be secured by property of the loan Borrowers. The Trust requests that the Court reclassify these claims as general unsecured claims (subject to additional objections). As explained in the motion, the USACM Liquidating Trust may have other objections to the claims that will be filed later.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the hearing on the Objection will be held before the Honorable Linda B. Riegle, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the Foley Federal Building, 300 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Courtroom 1, Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 26, 2007, at the hour of 9:30 a.m.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE HEARING SET ON APRIL 26, 2007, WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATUS CHECKS AND

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# SCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS ONLY. NO ARGUMENTS WILL BE HEARD ON THAT DATE.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that any response to the Objection must be filed by **April 19, 2007** pursuant to Local Rule 3007(b), which states:

If an objection to a claim is opposed, a written response must be filed and served on the objecting party at least 5 business days before the scheduled hearing. A response is deemed sufficient if it states that written documentation in support of the proof of claim has already been provided to the objecting party and that the documentation will be provided at any evidentiary hearing or trial on the matter.

If you object to the relief requested, you *must* file a **WRITTEN** response to this pleading with the Court. You *must* also serve your written response on the person who sent you this notice.

If you do not file a written response with the Court, or if you do not serve your written response on the person who sent you this notice, then:

- The Court may refuse to allow you to speak at the scheduled hearing; and
- The Court may *rule against you* without formally calling the matter at the hearing.

Dated: March 20, 2007.

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USA Commercial Mortgage Company ("USACM") that aggregate over \$296 million. The USACM Trust is not, by this filing, objecting at this time to any of the claims as unsecured

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claims, but reserves the right to do so. This Objection is supported by the Court's record and explained in the following Memorandum.

## I. <u>JURISDICTION</u>

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this Objection pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and 157. Venue is appropriate under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(B).
- 2. The statutory predicate for the relief requested herein are 11 U.S.C. § 502 and Bankruptcy Rule 3007.

#### II. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

- 1. On April 13, 2006 ("Petition Date"), USACM, USA Securities, LLC ("USA Securities"), USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC ("USA Realty"), USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC ("DTDF"), USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC ("FTDF" and together with DTDF, the "Funds") (collectively the "Debtors"), filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continued to operate their businesses, if any, as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Post-petition management of the Debtors was under the direction of Thomas J. Allison of Mesirow Financial Interim Management, LLC ("Mesirow"), who serves as the Chief Restructuring Officer.
- 2. USACM is a Nevada Corporation that, prior to the Petition Date, was in the business of underwriting, originating, brokering, funding and servicing commercial loans primarily secured by real estate, both on behalf of investors and for its own account.
- 3. This business included the solicitation of individual investors to purchase fractional interest in loans that USACM originated and then serviced. These investors, totaling approximately 3,600 as of the Petition Date, are referred to as "Direct Lenders" in USACM's bankruptcy case and in this Objection.

- 4. Although USACM serviced and sometimes originated the loans in which the Direct Lenders invested, USACM was not a borrower on these loans.
- 5. On September 14, 2006, the Court entered its Order Setting Deadline to File Proofs of Claim and Proofs of Interest (the "Bar Date Order") [Docket No. 1280]. The Bar Date Order established 5:00 p.m., prevailing Pacific Time, on November 13, 2006, as the deadline ("Bar Date") for creditors to file proof of claims.
- 6. On September 25, 2006, the Debtors served a copy of the Bar Date Order on their service lists [Docket No. 1358]. All Direct Lenders were served with a copy of the Bar Date order as well [Docket No. 1358].
- 7. On November 6, 2006, a stipulation was filed and an order entered extending the Bar Date for Direct Lenders only to file proofs of claim until January 13, 2007 [Docket No. 1729].
- 8. On January 8, 2007, this Court entered its Order Confirming the "Debtors' Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization" [Docket No. 2376].
- 9. Debtors' Third Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") [Docket No. 1799] provides the following deadlines for objections to Claims:
  - (A) for any and all Claims and Equity Interests to which the General Bar Date applies, ninety (90) days after the Effective Date; (B) for any and all Claims to which the Administrative Claims Bar Date or the Professionals Administrative Bar Date applies, thirty (30) days after the expiration of the respective Bar Date; and (C) for any and all Claims to which the Bar Date applicable under section B.3 of Art. V of the Plan applies, thirty (30) days after the expiration of that Bar Date.
- 10. USACM's claims and noticing agent received approximately 2,436 proofs of claim as of the January 13, 2007 Bar Date, asserting claims totaling more than \$997,000,000, plus unknown amounts based on unliquidated Claims.
- 11. Under the Plan, the USACM Trust is the successor to USACM with respect to standing to seek allowance and disallowance of Claims.

12. The USACM Trust exists as of the Effective Date of the Plan, which was March 12, 2007. Geoffrey L. Berman is the Trustee.

- 13. Exhibit A contains a list of Claims against USACM filed by various parties, most of whom are Direct Lenders, asserting that their Claims are secured or partially secured (the "Alleged Secured Claims"). There are about 1,594 claimants asserting \$296,164,454.95 in the aggregate in Claims.
- 14. It appears that most of the claimants asserting secured status are Direct Lenders who are under the misimpression that because their loan investments serviced by USACM were secured by collateral of the Borrowers, any Claim they might have asserted against USACM would also be secured. To the contrary, these Claims are not entitled to secured status and should be classified as general unsecured Claims. USACM has no property that serves as collateral for the Direct Lender loans serviced by USACM. Having reviewed lien searches and the books and records of USACM, neither USACM nor the USACM Trust believes that any of the holders of the Alleged Secured Claims were granted a security interest in any property of USACM, or that any such security interest was perfected under applicable law.

### III. APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

- 1. Under the Bankruptcy Code, any Claim for which a proof of claim has been filed will be allowed unless a party in interest objects. If a party in interest objects to the proof of claim, the Court, after notice and hearing, shall determine the amount of the Claim and shall allow the Claim except to the extent that the Claim is "unenforceable against the debtor . . . under any . . . applicable law for a reason other than because such claim is contingent or unmatured." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b).
- 2. The USACM Trust is entitled to object to proofs of claim under 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). This objection is timely under the confirmed Plan.

3. A properly filed proof of claim is presumed valid under Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f). However, once an objection to the proof of claim controverts the presumption, the creditor ultimately bears the burden of persuasion as to the validity and amount of the claim. See Ashford v. Consolidated Pioneer Mortg. (In re Consolidated Pioneer Mortg.), 178 B.R. 222, 226 (B.A.P. 9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1995), aff'd, 91 F.3d 151 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1996). The ultimate burden of proof as to the validity of a proof of claim "remains at all times upon the claimant." Lundell v. Anchor Constr. Specialists, Inc. (In re Lundell), 223 F.3d 1035, 1039 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2000).

## IV. OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS

- 1. As more particularly described herein, the USACM Trust seeks in this Objection to reclassify the Alleged Secured Claims as general unsecured Claims.
- 2. These Claims may be the subject of multiple objections herein for any of the reasons stated in this Objection. These Claims may also be subject to prior or subsequently filed objections, and this objection is without prejudice to any other objection by any party in interest, including the USACM Trust.
- 3. The USACM Trust reserves the right to further object to any and all Claims, whether or not the subject of this Objection, for allowance and/or distribution purposes on any other grounds. The USACM Trust further reserves the right to modify, supplement and/or amend this Objection as it pertains to any Claim or claimant herein.
- 4. For the convenience of the parties, and pursuant to the Court's direction, the USACM Trust has broken down its objections to secured claims into groups of no more than 50 claimants each. Thus this objection is one of a series of many objections to Claims that assert fully or partially secured status.
- 5. Exhibit A contains a partial list of the Alleged Secured Claims, filed by various parties, most of whom are Direct Lenders, asserting that their Claims are secured.

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The USACM Trust objects to these claims on the basis that these Claims are not secured by property of the USACM estate, although they may well be secured by property owned by their Borrowers. Secured claims are claims "by creditors against the estate that are secured by a lien on property in which the estate has an interest." *United States v. Ron Pair Enters., Inc.*, 489 U.S. 235, 240 (1989). None of the Claims listed on **Exhibit A** are secured by such a lien, and the claimants have offered no evidence in support of their contention. Thus none of these claims are entitled to secured status in this bankruptcy case, and should be classified as general unsecured Claims, subject to further objection.

## V. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the reasons discussed above, the USACM Trust objects to the secured status asserted in the proofs of claim listed on **Exhibit A** attached to this Objection and requests that the Court reclassify these claims as general unsecured Claims (albeit subject to possible additional objections). The USACM Trust also requests such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: March 20, 2007.

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Case 06-10725-gwz Doc 3476 Entered 04/17/07 13:54:36 Page 13 of 14 LEWIS **EXHIBIT A** [Exhibit A is NOT attached hereto. All of your claims that appear on Exhibit A to this Objection are listed on the Cover Sheet found at the front of this package. A copy of this entire objection including the complete Exhibit A may be found on the Court's Docket, which can be accessed for free at WWW.BMCGROUP.COM/USACMC, then by clicking on the link entitled "Court Docket" found in the upper right hand corner.] 

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USACM	Debtor(s)	
(Name of Plaintiff)		Adversary No.:
	Plaintiff	
vs.		Hearing Date: Time: APRIL 26, 2007  930 AM
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	Defendant	

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Do not use this form to prove service of a summons and complaint. To prove service of a summons and complaint use the certificate in the court form entitled "Adversary - Summons and Notice of Scheduling Conference in an Adversary Proceeding" which is available on the court's website at www.nvb.uscourts.gov.

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